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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Exchange with HSCA Representatives at a Meeting [redacted] and I had Sunday Morning with Messrs. Blakey & Cornwell [redacted]

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1. There were a number of fairly wide-ranging exchanges. Our relationship has been characterized in the past by the absence of such exchanges, and Blakey's readiness to do so now is interesting, although whether it ends up being meaningful is not yet clear. As these exchanges were general, rather than being tied to the draft report which we were discussing, I believe that our agreement to have no record of exchanges concerning these draft reports does not apply to these broader discussions. [redacted]

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2. Mr. Blakey asked what we believe to be CIA's main contributions to the Warren Commission investigation. I gave him two general statements, prefaced with the comment that CIA was necessarily limited because of the nature of the subject matter. They are discussed below [redacted]

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(A) There is an area of intelligence that we refer to as "indications intelligence," which refers to indications of possible hostile action or major international initiatives on the part of the opposition. In this general field we refer loosely to something that we call "negative indications." [redacted]

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(1) As a result of the first world-wide alert following the assassination of President Kennedy there was extensive reporting from around the world on the Cuban and Soviet official communities. [redacted]

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